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Applicant Initiated Interview Request FormApplication No. 10/655,871
Examiner: Matthew D. Hoel
Docket No: 112300-1473First Named Applicant: Andrea Hughs-Baird
Art Unit: 3714 Status of Application: Pending**Tentative Participants:**(1) Holby M. AbernProposed Date of Interview: June 26, 2008 Proposed Time: 3:00 (PM) Eastern Time**Type of Interview Requested:**(1) Telephonic(2) Personal(3) Video ConferenceExhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: YES NO

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Issues To Be Discussed

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims/ Fig. #s <u>Claim 1</u>	Prior Art <u>Dice Game</u> <u>and Baerlocher</u>	Discussed <input type="checkbox"/>	Agreed <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Agreed <input type="checkbox"/>
(1) §103(a) Rejection					

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Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented: Applicant submits that the gaming device resulting from the combination of Dice Game and Baerlocher does not anticipate or render obvious that for each iteration, a first modifier changes based on a displayed prediction symbol, a second modifier changes if the prediction symbol matches the selected component symbol, and a third modifier changes if the prediction symbol does not match the selected component symbol and the player correctly picks which symbol set includes the selected component symbol. For example, in the gaming device resulting from the combination of Dice Game and Baerlocher, if a player rolls the die, the value on the die does not match the digit in the price of the car for that roll and the player correctly guesses higher or lower, one interpreted modifier is changed for this roll of the die (i.e. the digit in the price of the car corresponding to that roll is revealed and modified by the corresponding decimal place in the price of the car). On the other hand, the gaming device of independent Claim 1 discloses, amongst other elements, a processor operable to change a first modifier based on the displayed prediction symbol, change a second modifier if the prediction symbol matches the selected component symbol, and change a third modifier if the prediction symbol does not match the selected component symbol and the player correctly picks which symbol set includes the selected component symbol. In one example of the gaming device of independent Claim 1, if the prediction symbol does not match the selected component symbol and the player correctly picks which symbol set includes the selected component symbol, two modifiers will be changed for this selected component symbol (i.e. the first modifier will be changed based on the displayed prediction symbol and the third modifier will be changed to reflect the player correctly picking which symbol set includes the selected component symbol).

Applicants are open to discuss clarifying claim amendments during the interview.

An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on _____

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Holby Abern (Reg. No. 47,372)

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature)

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